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FOR AMBASSADOR VANCE (S/NM)

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, UN, AORG

SUBJECT: POST OF DIRECTOR UN DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS

REF: STATE 213023

1. LING (WHO) TELEPHONED MISOFF TO SAY THAT FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM LONDON SEPT 8 HE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY CANADIAN MISSION THAT GOC HAD DECIDED ADVANCE HIS NAME AS CANDIDATE FOR DIRECTORSHIP DND AND HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH AMBASSADOR VANCE REGARDING THIS MATTER. LING ASKED MISOFF TO ADVISE AMBASSADOR VANCE OF HIS POSITION WHICH HE HAS ALSO MADE CLEAR TO CANADIAN MISSION.

2. COME PERSONS (READ MARTENS) HAVE SUGGESTED TO HIM PREVIOUSLY THAT HE SHOULD STAND FOR DIRECTORSHIP DND AND HE SAID "NO". THIS REMAINS HIS POSITION AND HE DID NOT GIVE CANADIAN GOVT PERMISSION TO PUT HIS NAME FORWARD. HE HAS TOLD CANADIAN MISSION THAT GOC "SHOULD NOT STATE HE IS INTERESTED". HE IS WELL AWARE OF OLAF BRAENDEN'S CANDIDACY AND OF FACT THAT USG HAS FOR SOME MONTHS BEEN SUPPORTING BRAENDEN'S APPOINTMENT. HE HAS HIGHEST REGARD FOR BRAENDEN AND WOULD NOT WANT DO ANYTHING TO DETRACT FROM POSSIBILITY HIS APPOINTMENT.

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3. LING WENT ON TO SAY THAT ONLY BASIS UNDER WHICH HE WOULD CONSIDER HAVING HIS NAME CONSIDERED IS IF UN ADMINISTRATION DECIDED LOOK OUTSIDE DND FOR CANDIDATES. IN THIS EVENT HE WOULD WANT BE CONSIDERED ALONG WITH OTHERS.

4. LING CONCLUDED CONVERSATION BY REFERRING TO HIS PERSONAL FRIENDSHIP WITH AMBASSADOR VANCE AND SAYING HE WANTS VANCE TO KNOW HE WILL "SUPPORT ANY U.S. DECISION ONE HUNDRED PERCENT".

5. COMMENT: WE VERY MUCH HOPE THAT USG WILL CONTINUE SUPPORT BRAENDEN'S APPOINTMENT AND COMPROMISE ONLY TO EXTENT OF ACQUIESCING IN APPOINTMENT'S BEING MADE ON ACTING BASIS FOR ONE YEAR TRIAL PERIOD. ABRAMS

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